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## Between the Lines

# Tales From Super Spy

## Statement of Laszlo Szabo Is an Eye Opener

Washington — A seemingly routine release of a thin publication by a congressional committee has been followed by tempestuous reverberations beneath the volcanic surface of the intelligence community in the national capital.

By virtual tacit agreement, practically as binding as any law, the information and testimonies collected by the Central Intelligence Agency have been secret from all, except for such rarefied agencies as the National Security Council and the Executive offices, and then only a selected portion of the data.

What sensational stories could become public property, guiding attitudes decisively, if the CIA material could be made available, when not of a security nature?

A beginning has now been made. Quietly, the special Armed Services subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency of the House has just released a 20-page publication entitled "Statement of Laszlo Szabo."

### Reports on KGB

Szabo was passed along to the congressional subcommittee by the CIA, which had been questioning him intensively. He had served for 20 years in the Hungarian Secret Service, and was able to relate from his first-hand knowledge how it operates under the control of Soviet Russia's KGB.

This is vital, heady information at a time when the State Department has used all its influence to eliminate reference



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to the other Soviet bloc countries as "satellites" of the USSR, and is basing America's policy and hence our survival on the line that there no longer exists a monolithic Red control, but that Moscow is "mellowing," and other East European Communist nations are "mellowing" even more.

Yet, as Szabo made clear, "when something has been decided at the chief's level with the Soviets, the other (intelligence) services must stay strictly in line."

This is merely a hint of the tremendously important guidance that can be provided the American voting public if the unadorned, raw material produced by such first-hand witnesses as Szabo were published, instead of being buried in files as has been the case hitherto.

Naturally once such a publication was made public, one could be sure that the volcano would burst, and lava spill all over the Washington scene. So we have the insistence by Sen. J. William Fulbright's Senate Foreign Relations Committee that it share jurisdiction over the CIA, and partake of all its knowledge.

### A Key Step

Obviously, along with this would go the tremendous opportunity for manipulation and control of this all important agency. Perhaps more important would be the opportunity given the subtle enemy for creating more effective channels into the heart of our government.

After all, no more vociferous opponents of a firm policy to

in the present Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The bulk of its members have given ample evidence that in the fervor of their arguments they accept practically no limitation that might handicap their impact. The KGB could hardly ask for anything more.

The drive to muscle in on overseeing CIA by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is not unrelated to the synchronized and stepped-up attacks being renewed on our intelligence network by Communist and left-wing sources. Fulbright's approach to world affairs could ensure that such essential data as Szabo provided would be most unlikely to reach the press or the public.

### Legation 'Covers'

The congressional document also makes incontrovertible the fact that Communist legations continue to be used for covers in work against the United States. For example, according to Szabo, "there is a secret intelligence unit under diplomatic cover called a 'residencia' at the United Nations in New York. There is also a 'residencia' in the Hungarian Legation in Washington, D. C."

Of special importance in the Hungarian defector's testimony was the stress which the Communists place on creating a propaganda climate favorable to their aims. Szabo told how he was assigned by Pal Hadju, chief of the evaluation and assessment department of the Hungarian Intelligence Service, to submit suggestions designed "to undermine the relations between the United States and other Western countries—economically or otherwise."

In psychological warfare this

or splitting tactic. The Communists specialize in this. Surely, the erosion of the NATO alliance system and the animosities between France and the United States have all been abetted by this professional Red mechanism.

Such are the high stakes for which the Communist apparatus is fighting, using for its purpose the so-called "peace" movement and naive but obsessive "opinion molders." Moscow's continuing goal is to penetrate the CIA or to divert and paralyze its operations, and as far as possible, to influence what it does.